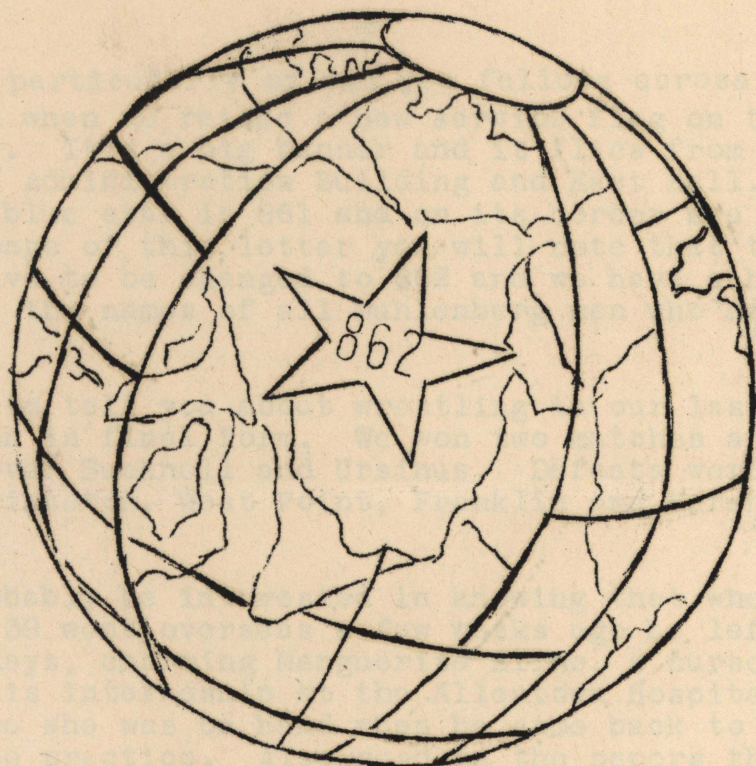


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Hi Gang:

Yes sir, that Garden bid really did come through. Perhaps you have read about it in the newspapers, in Stars and Stripes, or Yank, or in one of the many other publications that have been talking about Muhlenberg and its basketball team.

We've been selected as one of America's top basketball teams this season and we're in the National Invitational Tournament. We go into action in Madison Square Garden on Thursday, March 16, but at the moment we don't know who our opponent will be. Also selected for the tournament were DePaul, St. John's, Oklahoma A. and M., Kentucky, Utah, Bowling Green, and Canisius. Any one will be real competitions.

Before we go into the tourney there will be one post-season game in Rockne Hall--a conditioner with the Sampson Naval Training Station team on Saturday, March 11.

Here's an indication of what this year's basketball season was like: 33,933 persons saw the Mules play in 15 games in Rockne Hall. The regular season ended with 20 victories and three defeats. Since we wrote to you the last time, the Mules won three more games, defeating Franklin and Marshall 63 to 44, Lehigh 56 to 37, and Villanova 46 to 32. The final game with Albright, scheduled at Reading, was cancelled because a convenient date could not be arranged. Earlier in the season, Muhlenberg defeated Albright 57 to 26. We hope there'll be some more good basketball reports in the next letter, due in about two weeks.

But basketball isn't the only thing that's happening on the Muhlenberg campus these days. We had a great commencement last Sunday and sent 16 more graduates and 125 Bluejackets and Marines on their way to join you and to back you up. This week we've been busy receiving new Naval trainees. Bluejackets and Marines entering Muhlenberg for the first time arrived from 22 states and the District of Columbia. We now have men on the campus from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Tennessee, Kansas, Alabama, Texas, Delaware, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Iowa, California, Ohio, Wisconsin, Georgia, Minnesota, Indiana, Oklahoma, Florida, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Connecticut, West Virginia, Illinois, and the District of Columbia. The unit is approximately the same size as when the V-12 program was inaugurated last July and that means that everyone around here is still good and busy.

We thought particularly of all you fellows across the country around the world when we raised a new service flag on the morning of commencement day. It's a big banner and it flies from the main flag mast between the Administration Building and East Hall. The numeral below its large blue star is 861 and on its border are six gold stars. From the first page of this letter you will note that the number in the star will have to be changed to 862 and we have a hunch that we still don't have the names of all Muhlenberg men who are in there with you.

We forgot to tell you about wrestling in our last letter. Well here's the season in final form. We won two matches and lost six. Victories were over Bucknell and Ursinus. Defeats were at the hands of Lehigh twice, Princeton, West Point, Franklin and Marshall, and Swarthmore.

You'll probably be interested in knowing that when Lieutenant Frank R. Boyer '38 went overseas a few weeks ago he left behind his bride of a few days, charming Marguerite Eline, a nurse Frank met while he was serving his internship at the Allentown Hospital. He said he wanted to be sure she was on hand when he came back to Allentown to start his private practice. Also read in the papers that Ensign Frank H. Taylor '40 was married to Joyce C. Dankel of Allentown.

Here are some of the new ranks and ratings we heard about during the last two weeks. CAPTAIN Frederick G. Helwig '31, SERGEANT Robert Anderson, Jr. '45, CORPORAL Donald Bistrutz '44, LIEUTENANT Ralph Lentz '43, CAPTAIN John Fulmer '41, LIEUTENANT Carl Padovano, and CAPTAIN Elwood Schwenk '17.

A card from Lieutenant Commander J. Roland Heller '23 who until a month ago was the Medical Officer of our V-12 unit, indicates that he is now taking special work in the School of Aviation Medicine at the Naval Air Training Station, Pensacola, Fla. Lt. Carl Padovano '43, now at Camp Lejeune, New River, N.C., reports that he expects a leave the latter part of March and then plans to join "The Order of the Ball and Chain." Donald Hausman '36 predicts that when the war has been won Muhlenberg will have to erect new buildings on the south side of Chew Street to accommodate its student body. You fellows have a grand opportunity to build that post-war student body by encouraging your friends in service to complete their college work here when their present job is finished.

Here's one contributed by Charles W. Schiffert '42, now in the Army unit at Hahnemann Medical School:

Three bears were sitting on a cake of ice.

Mama Bear said: "I would like to tell a tale."

Papa Bear said: "I would like to tell a tale too."

Baby Bear said: "Ha Ha! My tale is told."

I thought it was pretty good, but my girl Friday (stop in and see her sometime) says "Corny, isn't it."

Air Cadets Pern Anthony and Paul C. Balze have had an interesting and unique time. They went to Allentown High together; matriculated at Muhlenberg and spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ years here together; enlisted together in the Army Air Corps on Feb. 18, 1943; and trained together in Florida, Ohio, Arizona, and are now in class 44 E, Sqdn. 13, War Eagle Field, Lancaster, California. But they have just about come to the parting of the ways, because Anthony is going to continue his training for twin-engine fighters while Balze will try for something heavier. Had they been able to finish their work here, both of them would have been graduated with the Class of '44.

In service together at the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in Chicago are: Warren Swenson, Boyd Walker, Jim Hemstreet, Harold Stewart, Jim Butterwick, Dennis Webster, Wayne Keck, Allan Stead, and Bill Deissler all of the Class of '43.

Just had a telephone call this morning from Lt.(j.g.) Chuck Garrettson's wife that our former Alumni Secretary is now somewhere on

the high seas. You'll remember Chuck as the Prince Charming of the Class of '37, and as our very efficient Alumni Secretary for three years: Lt. Henry Bauman '39, now at the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in California as Assistant Division Supply Officer of the 71st Division, talked to Garrettson before he left for his new assignment. Bauman (and some other alumni in California) wonder where the press agents get this "Sunny California" stuff. Among the puzzled ones is Richard Erb '46 now in the Signal Corps at Camp Kohler, Calif.

Pvt. Robert G. Stahl '43 and Lt. Roger Jamison '42 are in the same Marine Corps company whose address is c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. Capt. Dill J. Albright '33, whom we remember best running around the Allentown Hospital in a crisp white interne's uniform, dropped us a line from Italy. He wrote it while sitting on a "C" ration case right up in the front line. Shells were whistling by in both directions. "A battalion surgeon," Albright said, "gets right up there with his aid station and must stay fairly well hidden to prevent Jerry from dropping one on him."

Ensign Wilmer H. Cressman '42 promises a detailed description of his part in the age-old ceremony of crossing the Equator. "All initiations are basically alike" he writes, "much like a year of freshman hazing rolled into a day. I have less hair because of it." For you fellows familiar with the classics, he reports that his Cook tour reminds him of the "Odyssey of Ulysses".

Private Roy Coward is trying to find his way around in the Army's Pentagon Building. Spiros Chiaparas '42, who writes from a San Francisco APO address has seen an active volcano since we heard from him last time and now is in a combat zone.

Here are some new names on our service list:

James C. Bowen '45
USN Pre-Flight School 40th Bn.
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Warren A. Nafis '43, 33835433
3337 N. 16th St.
Philadelphia 40, Pa.

Robert Ranken '32, 33331273
APO 695, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

John P. Schantz, '43
3315 SUASTU
Hahnemann Med. College
Philadelphia, Pa.

Joseph F. Shanosky '43
US Naval Res. Midsn. School
Section 32
Notre Dame, Ind.

Pvt. James E. Frederick, 33829417
Med. & Psy. Exam Unit 5
Drake Hotel
Miami Beach, Fla.

Pvt. Wm. V. Nixon '33, 33611419
Co. B. 14th Bn. 2nd Pltn.
Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Lt.(j.g.) Paul M. Stoneback, '33
NTS (A) 31007, Ft. Schuyler
New York 61, N.Y.

Paul E. Bottiger '43, A/S
USNR Midsn. School, Sec. 4
Notre Dame, Ind.

Paul C. Rausch '31

Gerard C. Kloss '39, S2/c
H-18 V S/K School, USNTS
Sampson, N.Y.

Ensign Fred H. Bowman '44
Aerological Office, NAS
Pensacola, Fla.

Leon I. Godshall '32, Ph.M.3/c
U.S. Naval Hospital
Newport, R.I.

Edward Jones, '46 S2/c
136 Naval Construction Bn.
OA 5, Camp Lee Stephenson
Quoddy Village, Maine

William Hrisko, '44, 33839417
Med & Psy. Exam Unit 5
Drake Hotel
Miami Beach, Fla.

William B. Stultz '43
Address wanted

Pvt. Robert R. Mumma '44, 33834399
Co. A 27th Med. Trng. Bn. 1st Pltn.
Camp Grant, Ill.

John W. Marsh '41
Motor Torpedo Sqdn. Trng. Ctr.
Newport, (Millville) R.I.

Wallace H. Webster, Jr. '34
US Navy, Fort Schuyler, N.Y.

Chaplain Hobart W. Tyson '20
Harvard Chaplains' School
Cambridge, Mass.

Pfc. Irving R. Plotnick, '43
Co. E. Brks 3, 3305th S.U.
ASTU, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, 4, Penna.

Wallace J. Eberts, '43, Pfc.
Med. Sec. 2591st S.U.
Billings Gen. Hospital
Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind.

Wilmer L. Henninger '30, S2/c
Unit H, Brks. 20 (lower) USNTS
Sampson, N.Y.

Our address changes are becoming too numerous to report in each letter. We are going to try a new system and see whether it meets with your approval. Here are the names and addresses of men who recently have been given APO addresses:

Pfc. Charles Krauss '46
APO 230, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Gordon Treisbach, 33827272
APO 20-A, c/o Postmaster
Shreveport, La.

Pfc. Roy C. Kern '45
APO 627, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Monroe Roth '45
APO 4780, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Cpl. Clarence K. Bernhard
APO 759, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Frank R. Boyer '38
APO 9639, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Capt. Dill J. Albright, '43
APO 34, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Robert Egan '39 USMC
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Robt. Anderson 13114237
APO 637, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Malvin E. Paul '40
APO 9159, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Alexander Andrejeske '46
c/o Emb. Army Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. Edward F. Farrell, '39
APO 15171, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. Henry K. Bauman, O-1575722
APO 360, c/o Postmaster
Camp Roberts, Calif.

Capt. Malcolm M. Parker '35
APO 9022, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. Samuel W. Miller
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Carl S. Swartz 33469723
APO 31-B, c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Capt. Frederick G. Helwig, '31
APO 9494, c/o P.M.
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Pvt. Robert G. Stahl 453450 USMC
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San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Robert S. Seidel '41
APO 12826-B, c/o P.M.
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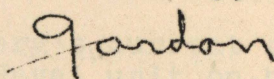
Cpl. Donald Bistrantz '44
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San Francisco, Calif.

Cpl. Wm. A. Smith '45
APO, 9536, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Edwin Hutschinson '41
APO 10178, c/o P.M.
Seattle, Wash.

It's time to sign off again. A lot of you fellows have been grand about writing to us. I hope we will hear from more of you so that we can pass the good word along. Meanwhile, the best of luck to all of you and happy and successful landings.

Sincerely,



Gordon B. Fister
For the Alumni Office